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Sir:

Responsive to the Election Requirement dated May 6, 2002, Applicate elects the embodiment of Species 19, as shown in Figures 40 and 41A through 41B, for examination. Claims 46~48 read on the elected species. The election is made without traverse. By making this election and selecting these claims for examination, however, Applicant does not restrict the scope of the listed claims to only the features of the exemplary embodiment shown in Figs. 40 and 41A through 41B. Rather, these claims may also read, for example, on other exemplary embodiments described in the specification, and should be afforded the broadest scope allowed by the relevant prior art.

Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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